

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Computer software comprising computer readable code configured to create a printer label format based on a printed label that has been scanned, said computer readable code configured to scan a label and then convert use the scanned label into to generate a label format using optical character recognition (OCR), wherein said computer readable code is configured to recognize text on the scanned label as text, is configured to recognize graphics on the scanned label as graphics, and is configured to characterize as graphics any items on the scanned label which are not specifically recognized by the computer readable code, said label format created from the scanned label thereafter being useable to print labels similar in format to the label which was scanned and used to create the label format.

2. (Original) Computer software as recited in claim 1, wherein said computer readable code is configured to recognize barcodes on the scanned label as barcodes.

3. (Original) Computer software as recited in claim 2, wherein said computer readable code is configured to determine at least one parameter about a barcode on the scanned label, said at least one parameter comprising at least one of aspect ratio, size and human readability.

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4. (Original) Computer software as recited in claim 1, wherein said computer readable code is configured to prompt a user, using a visual display, to confirm that the objects on the scanned label have been correctly characterized by the computer readable code.

5. (Original) Computer software as recited in claim 4, wherein said computer readable code is configured to allow the user to change any of the characterizations made by the computer readable code.

6. (Original) Computer software as recited in claim 1, wherein said computer readable code is configured to allow a user to link at least one object identified on the scanned label to a variable field.

7. (Original) Computer software as recited in claim 1, wherein said computer readable code is configured to allow a user to input embedded printer-specific non-printing control codes into the label format.

8. (Original) Computer software as recited in claim 1, wherein said computer readable code is configured to provide that, once a label format has been created, said label format can be saved and printed.

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9. (Currently Amended) A method of creating a printer label format: comprising scanning a printed label; converting using the scanned label into to generate the label format using optical character recognition (OCR), wherein text on the scanned label is recognized as text, wherein said graphics on the scanned label is recognized as graphics, and wherein any items on the scanned label which are not specifically recognized is characterized as a graphic, and after scanning the printed label, and converting using the scanned label into to generate a label format, using the label format created from the scanned label to print labels similar in format to the label which was scanned and used to create the label format.

10. (Original) A method as recited in claim 9, further comprising using optical character recognition (OCR) to process barcodes on the scanned label as barcodes.

11. (Original) A method as recited in claim 9, further comprising using optical character recognition (OCR) to determine at least one parameter about a barcode on the scanned label, said at least one parameter comprising at least one of aspect ratio, size and human readability.

12. (Original) A method as recited in claim 9, further comprising using a visual display to confirm that objects on the scanned label have been correctly characterized.

13. (Original) A method as recited in claim 9, further comprising linking at least one object identified on the scanned label to a variable field.

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14. (Original) A method as recited in claim 9, further comprising embedding at least one printer-specific non-printing control code into the label format.

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